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WILLARD POTTS FOR HOSPITAL

EX-MAYOR WILLARD POTTS appreciates the importance of a permanent hospital in Mexico, and has expressed his willingness to be most cordial and liberal in the direction of establishing such an institution. He has offered to present the proper authorities with a splendid site in south Mexico. This is a very important matter, and we believe that in the end Mexico will accept Mr. Potts' proposition and the money will be raised to erect a hospital building. It would be a splendid Christmas present to the city, and a fine tribute to Willard's father if he would only present the site but erect the building and have it named the W. K. Potts Hospital after his father who made Mexico such a splendid mayor. Think it over, Willard.

HONEST CONFESSION RE-

GARDING MAIL ORDERS

THE following from the Hamilton, Mo. Journal, will be of interest to some of our readers. It is a confession of a mail order merchant who writes to his customers that he is a mail order merchant. "I want to make an honest confession," said a well-to-do mail order merchant, a visitor in Hamilton a day or two ago. "I read your editorial on the 'Mail Order House vs. the Home Merchant.' There is absolutely no argument. You are right. I hit me, and I want to tell you my experience. I made an order, got the goods, but when they came there were several mistakes.

"What did I do? I'll tell you. Here is where I was rubbing it in on my home merchant friend. I took the mail order stuff to him to exchange for articles that would fit." "What did the home merchant do? Why, to my everlasting surprise, he pleasantly made the exchange. I was humiliated. All that he said was, 'don't do it again.' And I have it!" "Now wasn't that supreme cheek to ask a home merchant to exchange good merchandise for mail order stuff? But it just shows to what length a home business friend will go to accommodate his trade.

"This good farmer tried the mail order just once, but that was once too often for his good."

TRAMPS AND CHARITY AT

TRENTON AND VANDALLIA

THE mayor of Trenton, Mo., writing the Ledger regarding the tramp proposition, says:

"We pull them as vagrants and run them out of town. We have no arrangements for free lunch."

The mayor of Trenton is evidently opposed to "centralizing" the tramps in that town, and believes in the enforcement of the law to keep vagrants away from back doors.

The following letter from Mayor Waters, of Vandallia, is pertinent to the tramp proposition, and shows clearly how Mexico is "centralizing" the hobos.

The Mexico Ledger:

Gentlemen:—

Vandallia, Mo., Dec. 1, 1915.—In reply to yours of 26th as to how we handle the tramp nuisance in winter, we will say we do not make any great effort to handle at all.

Last winter when you opened a free soup kitchen we were much pleased and commended you very highly. We did not stop with words of praise but sent all of our tramps to your kitchen, knowing that the greater the volume of business the cheaper it can be done. Besides no business can prosper without patrons. You being our neighbor and our friend, we wanted to show by act and deed that we wanted you to have all of our business, but up to the present time we have had no expressions of thanks or appreciation from you.

If you discontinue your kitchen, we will in some way feed and shelter the destitute who are unable to work, who come within our gates and whom we are able to work we will give them their choice, work or get out, and they usually get out.

And now I will leave this great question with you. If you can solve it correctly, the world will raise up and call you blessed.

W. S. Waters,

Mayor of Vandallia.

We are much obliged to Mayor Waters for agreeing to take care of his own tramps if we refuse to give them free lunch. Along this line we would say that there are plenty of calls for home charity from those who are willing to co-operate and it doesn't seem fair to have the women of the church societies furnish money to feed "centralized" hobos when there are so many calls at home.

Mayor Staley, of Carthage, says he is not bothered much with tramps in that town, as they have no free dinners for them, and in writing the Ledger says:

H. M. White & Son,

Carthage, Mo., Dec. 1, 1915.—Re-

sponding to your favor of the 26th, we do not have very much trouble with tramps coming here in Carthage. We do not have any free soup kitchen, but are not bothered very much during the winter with this class of people. I believe the soup kitchen is maintained at some points, and they really catch more tramps than the cities that do not have them.

Yours very truly,

J. H. Staley,

Mayor of Carthage, Mo.

ONE reason a lot of people like football better than baseball is that, when the season is over, the players neither go into vaudeville nor write articles for the papers.

A LONG sentence doesn't worry a reader as much as it does a criminal.

THE ALTON SUBWAY.

REPLYING to the subway under the Alton Road east of Mexico, which is considered very dangerous to traffic, Superintendent Corbett of the Alton, on being asked by the Ledger whether any estimate had ever been made regarding the cost of necessary changes in order to make this crossing safe, writes the Ledger as follows:

R. M. White & Son,

Mexico, Missouri.

Dear Sir:—

Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 1, 1915.—Replying to your letter of December 1st, I do not understand that our people have ever made any serious showing the appropriateness of improving the subway east of Mexico. An estimate could be worked up by the engineers of the City, County and Railroad so that they interested would know exactly what the improvement would cost.

Yours very truly,

W. M. Corbett, Sup't.

We are in hopes that the Commercial Club, the Automobile Club and the city and county authorities will co-operate so that this change may be made before some terrible accident happens. If a half dozen people should be killed there, the correction would immediately be made, of course, but we don't believe it is necessary to wait that long.

DR. WILLIAMSON, pastor of the

Third Baptist Church of St. Louis,

in a public address attacks President

Woodrow Wilson, and in comparing

him with the great Roosevelt calls

Wilson "spineless." Wonder what the

Doctor's view-point is? Does he want

the country involved in war with

Europe and Old Mexico? Most of the

people of this country are congratulating

President Wilson on his maintenance

of peace with honor. If Dr. Williamson

could get this country involved in a

war, would he be a shoulder to a

gun and go into the trenches? Wonder

what the Doctor is trying to start

any way.

Read Ledger Ads.

YOU should read carefully the ad-

vertisements of Mexico merchants

who have made unusual preparation

for the big holiday trade. They not

only have the best makes of up-to-

date goods of all kinds but their prices

are most attractive as you will see

by reading their advertisements. Ad-

vertisements are up-to-date news and

should be read by everybody just the

same as the most successful news

paper. The most important reading

matter of a live paper in a live town

is the advertisements of the mer-

chants.

WHILE Luke Morris had been ill

for a good many years, and has been

absent from Mexico for some time,

his death was nevertheless a great

shock to this community. Luke Mor-

ris was one of Mexico's most highly

respected young business men, and as

postmaster under President Cleveland

made a most efficient public servant.

The Ledger joins the people of this

community generally in extending

sincere sympathy to the bereaved

family.

FULTON seems to be troubled

much with bootleggers as most any

town in the state, as the following

from the Fulton Sun would indicate.

"An attorney who has much experi-

ence with this class of cases and who

has never been accused of being a

rabid dry, said while the cases were

being talked of in the court room,

that there was more bootlegging in

towns that had saloons than in dry

towns, because the penalty was not

so severe when caught."

THE members of the Catholic

Church of Mexico, desiring to show

their appreciation of Father Dillon's

services in Mexico as he is leaving

for his new parish in St. Louis, have

presented him with a handsome purse

of gold which Father Dillon appreciates

very highly, not so much on account

of the gold as for the spirit

with which it was presented to him.

THOSE who conspire against law

and order either in their city, county,

state, or nation, surely have a pecu-

liar turn of mind if they think such

activities are in any sense of the

word "funny." Nothing is of more

importance in any community than the

strict observance of law and order.

HON. CHAMP CLARK has recom-

mended Bennett Herndon, one of Ful-

ton's live progressive young business

men, for postmaster of that place.

Bennett is a substantial young busi-

ness man who believes that a public

office is not a private trap, and will

give his time and energies to the

business of the office and we believe

will prove a most satisfactory ap-

pointment.

CURTIS GAUTHORN, one of Mex-

ico's live young business men, and

secretary of the Missouri Horse Breed-

ers Association, will be superintendent

of publicity for the Denver Horse Show,

Jan. 10-22. Mr. Gauthorn is in every

way well equipped for this important

publicity proposition, and we feel con-

fident his work will prove most sat-

isfactory.

Pike County Court Houseless.

Louisiana, Mo., Dec. 10.—The build-

ing here used as a city hall, court-

house and jail was destroyed by fire

at 9 a. m. Friday. Pike County is now

without a courthouse, the county

building at Bowling Green having

been burned two months ago.

Three tramps were sleeping in the

jail, which was in the basement, but

they escaped. The building, built 75

years ago, was insured for \$4,000.

Nearly all the records were saved.

Man Dies on Eighty-Third Birthday.

Columbia, Mo., Dec. 10.—J. C.

Little, who was born in Boone Coun-

ty, 83 years ago, died Friday on his

birthday. He was one of the wealth-

iest farmers in Boone County.

DR. H. K. HINDS DIES AT

HOME OF DAUGHTER

Dr. H. K. Hinds, 75 years old, a former prominent resident of Mexico, died at the home of his daughter Mrs. Ernest Tuttle, of Fulton, Friday morning at seven o'clock of pneumonia.

Dr. Hinds resided in Audrain County and Mexico for eight or ten years and was one of our best highly respected and influential citizens.

The funeral and burial was in Fulton, Mo., Saturday. The body passed through Mexico at six thirty Friday afternoon.

Dr. Hinds was a native of Kentucky. He received his education at Ohio Wesleyan and took his medical degree from an eastern college. He came to Missouri then and for thirty years as first assistant at hospital No. 1 at Fulton. Later in life he was president of Howard Payne college at Fayette for seven years.

After he retired he came to Audrain and resided on a farm near Mexico for some time, after he moved to Mexico where by took an active interest in public affairs. During his declining years he has resided with his daughter, Mrs. Tuttle, of Fulton. The Ledger joins the people of Mexico in extending sympathy to the bereaved family at this time.

"Vaporize" Croup

or Cold Troubles

Vapor treatments for cold troubles are

better than internal medicine, as the va-

por carries the medication direct to the

lungs and acts as a powerful stimulant

to the system.

When Vicks' "Vapo-Rub" Salve is ap-

plied over the throat and chest, these va-

por, released by the heat of the body, are

inhaled with each breath. 50c to \$1.00.

VICKS' VAPOR SALVE

LIBRARY MOST USED OF

PUBLIC BUILDINGS HERE

November has been one of the big

months for our Public Library. Six-

teen hundred and two books were bor-

rowed which was an increase over

October of six hundred and ninety-nine.

The children read 225 more books

this month than last and the grown-

ups doubled this number by an in-

crease of 471 over October.

Several people interested in the

library contributed thirty-three books

this last month and now there are

5605 volumes in the shelves. The

gifts were received from Mrs. Allen,

Mrs. Llewellyn, Mrs. Ed Atchison and

Minerva Greele.

The mill tax for the support of the

library was taken away a short time

ago and before many months there

will be an appeal to the voters for the

renewal of the appropriate fund.

This will not call for an increase in

the taxes but simply legalize the use

of the present city money.

FATHER DILLON LEAVES.

Father J. J. Dillon left for St.

Louis, Thursday noon, to take charge

of his parish in that city. His de-

parture from Mexico was regretted by

a host of warm friends who join

the Ledger in wishing him great suc-

cess in his new field.

Father Joseph Casey, who super-

sede Father Dillon here, arrived Wed-

nesday night. The Ledger joins the

people of Mexico in extending a warm

welcome to Father Casey.

Arrested for Selling Liquor.

Sol Cook and Tom Cook, were each

fined \$40 in Squire Hooton's court

Thursday for selling and delivering

liquor to minors. Sol was fined on the

charge of selling the liquor and Tom

was fined for delivering.

BURIED LADONIA FIRE.

J. C. DeLaporte, a prominent mer-

chant of Ladonia, fell 16 feet from

a ladder Thursday afternoon about 3

o'clock, and broke his leg. Mr. De-

Laporte was assisting in extinguish-

ing the blaze which partially destr-

oyed the home of L. A. Best, in Lad-

onia.

Mr. DeLaporte was brought to this

city Thursday night and an X-ray

photograph made of his injury. He

was quite badly hurt and his many

Mexico friends join the Ledger in

wishing him an early recovery.

Words of Praise for Chamberlain's

Cough Remedy.

"Last winter I used two bottles of

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy," writes

Mr. John Miller, Roanoke, Ind. "It

cured me of a severe cold on the lungs

and an aggravating cough. I have

recommended this remedy to a great

many people who have used it and

have nothing but words of praise for

it. Obtainable everywhere. Adv.

Mrs. W. H. White departed Thurs-

day for her home in Pueblo, Colo.,

after a visit with her son, Dr. A. C.

White in this city.

Jelly Roll Recipe

Only Two Eggs Required

By Mrs. Janet McKenzie Hill, Editor of

the Boston Cooking School Magazine

"This Jelly Roll is fast becoming very

popular on account of the way it keeps

fresh. With proper handling it should

keep fresh a whole week, providing it

is not eaten up in the meantime, for it

is every bit as good as it looks. 33

A Jelly Roll

One egg rolled flour, yeast half tea-

spoonful salt, 1 level teaspoonful K C

baking powder, ground rind of 1

lemon, 3 eggs, beaten lightly 1 cup sugar,

1/2 cup K C jelly powder, 1/2 cup

sugar.

Beat the sugar into the eggs; add the</